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Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, DC 20231

Re: Application of: Charles A. Conrad
Serial No.: 09/169,793
Filed: October 9, 1998
For: **PRODUCTION OF ssDNA *IN VIVO***

Dear Sir:

Enclosed for filing in connection with the captioned application is/are the following:

- Response to Official Action of May 8, 2001;
- Request for [Three Month] Extension of Time to Respond; and
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Date**RESPONSE TO OFFICIAL ACTION OF MAY 8, 2001**

Dear Sir:

Applicant responds to the Official Action mailed in the captioned application on May 8, 2001 as follows. A request for a three month extension of the time to respond to that Action, and a check for the applicable fee, is enclosed. In the event the check in the amount of any necessary fees was not properly executed, was not included with this Response and/or was insufficient in amount, or for any other reason this Response is not considered timely filed, request is hereby made for an extension of the time for the period necessary to ensure consideration of this Response and the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-0965 (INGA,004) in the amount of any necessary fee.

REMARKS

In the Official Action of May 8, 2001, the claims were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) and (e) as being "clearly anticipated by any one of" the Mirochnitchenko, *et al.*, Miyata, *et al.*, or Inouye, *et al.* references. These rejections are respectfully traversed. Although it is alleged in the Action that these references "clearly anticipate" the claims of the present application, it is not so clear to the Applicant that they anticipate the claims at all. The Rules of Practice require that

In rejecting claims for want of novelty . . . , the examiner must cite the best references . . . [and] when a reference is complex . . . that particular part relied upon must be designated as nearly as practicable." 37 C.F.R. 1.106(b).

Although the Office Action cites, for instance, the "Results and Discussion" section of Mirochnitchenko, *et al.*, pages 4-10 of Miyata, *et al.*, and pages 5-14 of Inouye, *et al.*, in making